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SUBJECT: W/W JOHN J. SULLIVAN

1. THE SULLIVAN FAMILY HAS REQUESTED THE DEPARTMENT TO RELAY THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS/QUESTIONS REGARDING THE INVESTIGATION OF THE DISAPPEARANCE OF JOHN J. SULLIVAN:

A) ACCORDING TO THE SULLIVAN FAMILY, MR. TOM ALT, VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF SECURITY FOR SHEARTON HOTELS, ALLEGES THAT THE DESK CLERK AT SHEARTON SAN SALVADOR OBSERVED JOHN J. SULLIVAN LEAVING THE HOTEL AT APPROXIMATELY 7:00 P.M. THE EVENING OF HIS DISAPPEARANCE. IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE CONFIRM.

B) SO THAT SUBJECT REMAINS FRESH IN THE MINDS OF SALVADORANS, THE FAMILY SUGGESTS THAT PERHAPS LOCAL MEDIA AT DIRECTION OF POLICE AUTHORITIES COULD PRINT JOHN SULLIVAN'S PHOTO AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK AND TO POST IT IN P LIC PLACES SUCH AS POST OFFICES AND CHURCHES. IS THIS FEASIBLE?

C) THE SULLIVAN FAMILY WOULD ALSO LIKE COPIES OF ANY WRITTEN STATEMENTS TAKEN FROM INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED IN CONNECTION WITHTHISINVESTIGATION.

D) ACCORDING TO THE FAMILY, THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE INVESTIGATION IS SR. NUILA (PHONETIC SPELLING). PLEASE ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN A WRITTEN REPORT REGARDING EFFORTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO DATE TO LOCATE MR. SULLIVAN.

E) THE FAMILY ALSO WISHES TO KNOW THE EXTENT OF LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE TO DATE. HOW MANY DAYS DID AD RUN? HAVE LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES RUN ADS SEEKING INFO? IF SO, HOW OFTEN? WHAT HAS BEEN EXTENT OF LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE SINCE JANUARY 5TH.?

F) WHO HAS SUBJECT'S PERSONAL EFFECTS? DO THEY CONTAIN SUBJECT'S PASSPORT AND PASSPORT FOLDER? HIS AIRLINE TICKETS? IF NOT, CAN LOCAL AIRLINES DETERMINE IF THE UNUSED PORTION HAS BEEN TURNED IN FOR REIMBURSEMENT EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER SUBJECT'S DISAPPEARANCE? FAMILY SPECIFICALLY WISHES TO KNOW IF SUBJECT'S PERSONAL EFFECTS CONTAIN HIS SHAVING CREAM AND RAZOR.

G) THE FAMILY ONCE AGAIN WISHES A WRITTEN OUTLINE OF EFFORTS MADE BY THE EMBASSY AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO LOCATE SUBJECT. PLEASE FORWARD THROUGH THEDEPARTMENT.

2. THE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES THE EFFORTS TO DATE MADE BY THE EMBASSY IN THIS CASE. CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST CONTINUES AND THE SULLIVAN FAMILY APPEARS TO HAVE ORGANIZED A BOMBARDMENT OF WRITTEN INQUIRIES TO THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTLY FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC OR THROUGH CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES. TO DATE, THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED WRITTEN INQUIRIES. MR. AND MRS. SULLIVAN WILL TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON THEWEEK OF FEBRUARY 16TH FOR A FULL BRIEFING AND IT ALSO APPEARS THAT THE SULLIVAN FAMILY IS TRYING TO FORCE A FORMAL CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY INTO THE DISAPPEARANCE OF JOHN J. SULLIVAN, FOR THESE REASONS, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT FULLY INFORMED OF ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS CASE AND HAVING THE EMBASSY RESPONSES TO THE ABOVE SUGGESTIONS/QUESTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HAIG

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